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State awards \$4.6 million in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (August 16, 2007) -- The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$4,631,696 in Training Acceleration Grants to 46 Indiana companies or consortia.

The Training Acceleration Grant program is the state's primary incumbent worker training program. It provides matching grants to companies and organizations seeking to expand the skills of existing workers through training which results in industry-recognized credentials.

"Training Acceleration Grants help the state of Indiana and its companies maintain a competitive workforce," said Andrew Penca, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

"This program assists Indiana businesses and their workers increase their skills at a time when economic growth and diversification are top priorities," said Nathan J. Feltman, Secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier workforce.

The grants announced today were awarded by the state in May, June and July 2007. The firms which were awarded the grants, location, number of trainees, amounts awarded, and outcomes:

Employer	City	Trainees	Award	Outcomes
Concept Tool and Engineering Inc.	North Vernon	4	\$11,650.00	Apprenticeships

Continental Broadband of Indiana (dba nFrame)	Carmel	28	\$173,619.00	Red Hat Certified Technician, Red Hat Certified Engineer, VMware Certified Professional, Microsoft Office Specialist, Business Objects Certified, Professional Crystal Reports, Certified Associate Project Management, Project Management Professional, Six Sigma Greenbelt, Cisco Certified Network Associate, Checkpoint Certified Security Engineer, Cisco Certified Security Associate, IT Infrastructure Library Foundation Certificate, Microsoft Certified Professional, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer
Dekker Vacuum Technologies, Inc.	Michigan City	49	\$199,535.00	Special Instruction Welding Level 1 and 2, National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), Advanced Manufacturing Certificate, National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), Advanced Manufacturing Certificate- Leadership Assoc. of Science Degree, Cert. Vet. Practice Mgr.
East Side Animal Clinic	Evansville	3	\$14,808.00	Journey Level Upgrade in welding, networking and hydraulics, Emerson Journey Level Upgrade, Career Development Certificate, Apprenticeship
General Electric Advanced Material	Mt. Vernon	160	\$199,773.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology MEP Workplace Organization, National Institute of Standards and Technology MEP Continuous Improvement
Integra-tec	South Bend	18	\$42,050.00	Microsoft Certified Software Engineer (MCSE)
McShane's Inc.	Munster	5	\$35,000.00	Apprenticeships- Maintenance Mechanic Journeyman, Associate Degree- Industrial Management, Accounting and Tool and Die Associates of Mechanical Engineering, Associates of Business Administration- Management, Critical Core Supervision Fundamentals, American Welding Society Certified Welding
Metal Technologies, Inc.	Auburn	5	\$31,098.00	Career Development Certificate in Supervisory Skills, Applied Science Assoc.
Reliable Tool and Machine Co.	Kendallville	24	\$24,103.00	Advanced Manufacturing Practitioner Level 2, Advanced Manufacturing Champions Level 3, Managerial Certificate
Rinker Boats	Syracuse	60	\$58,140.00	Apprenticeships - Journeymen
Universal Forest Products	Elkhart	40	\$97,300.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology MEP Lean Manufacturing Certifications
Walerko Tool and Engine Corporation	Elkhart	2	\$13,999.00	
Wayne Combustion Systems	Fort Wayne	39	\$95,300.00	

80/20 Inc (amendment to change training and increase number of students)	Columbia City	23	\$1,125.00	Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Certificate an Advanced Manufacturing Team Member Certificate
Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. Amendment to increase funds and students	Goshen	4	\$6,675.00	Professional Human Resource Certification (PHR)
Charles Schwab & Co. (official decision was dated in May)	Fishers	310	\$200,000.00	General Securities Registered Representative License (Series 7 and 63), General Securities Sales Supervision License (Series 9 and 10), Certified Financial Planner, Accredited Asset Management Specialist
Dugdale Communication	Indianapolis	28	\$108,500.00	Conversion Technologies Professional (CTP), Cisco Certified Network Professional, Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist- SQL Server
Ingram Brook	Ft. Wayne	80	\$166,100.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Lean Manufacturing Certifications
MWM Acoustics, LLC	Indianapolis	8	\$27,000.00	Advanced Manufacturing Certificate in Continuous Process Improvement
Midwest Electrical Company, Inc.	Whiteland	5	\$8,261.00	Certificate of Apprenticeship Program-Electrical
Moss Construction Cost Management	Auburn	4	\$11,298.00	Associate Degree-Architectural Engineering Technology, Certified Value Specialist Certification, Marketing Skills Certification
SCA - Tegrant Thermosafe Packaging	Michigan City	80	\$199,600.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Certification-Team Member, Practitioners and Champion
Safe Sitter, Inc.	Indianapolis	2	\$7,000.00	Digital Workflow Certificate of Applied Learning
Scott Brass	Mishawaka	87	\$193,000.00	(Advanced Manufacturing), Manufacturing Extension Partnership Certificate (MEP); National Institute of Standards and Technology (Advanced Manufacturing) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) - Champions; and National Institute of Standards and Technology (Advanced Manufacturing) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) - Continuous Improvement
TI Automotive	Ashley	142	\$198,000.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Manufacturing Extension Partnership Certificate
J.O. Mory, Inc.. (official decision was dated in May)	South Milford	25	\$6,400.00	Foreman Cert., Apprenticeships.; and Certifications
Ottenweller Company, Inc.	Fort Wayne	0	\$16,950.00	Addition to Curriculum: Advanced Manufacturing Management Overview with Simulation and Team Member

Porter Engineering	Westfield	0	\$7,904.00	Advanced Manufacturing Training Credential: National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Certificate
80/20 Inc.	Columbia City	120	\$198,400.00	Addition of 23 credentials: Six Sigma Black Belt (3), Six Sigma Green Belt (20)
Allison Transmission	Indianapolis	124	\$127,027.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP): Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Certificate, Advanced Manufacturing Team Member Certificate, Advanced Manufacturing Practitioner Certificate, and Advanced Manufacturing Champion Certificate
Anything and Everything, LLC	Chesterton	2	\$7,146.00	Apprenticeships and Journey level upgrades
Bluffton Motor Works	Bluffton	200	\$200,000.00	A+ Certification and Network+ Certification
Bollhoff Rivnut, Inc.	Kendallville	28	\$195,999.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP): Advanced Manufacturing Leadership Certificate, Advanced Manufacturing Team Member Certificate, Advanced Manufacturing Practitioner Certificate, and Advanced Manufacturing Champion Certificate
Current Technologies Computer Learning Center	Portage	15	\$87,500.00	Multi-Operational Machine Operator Apprenticeship; Associate of Applied Science- Business Administration Human Resource Management and Manufacturing and Industrial Technology; Critical Core Supervision Fundamentals-Career Development Certificates; APIC (The Association for Operations Management) Certificate
Daimler Chrysler Kokomo Transmission Plant	Kokomo	186	\$199,942.00	Convergence Technologies Professional, Certified Ethical Hacker, Cisco Certified Network -Professional and Associate, CompTia's Network+, Computer Hacker Forensic Investigator, Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist - SQL Server 2005, Exchange 2007 and .NET Framework 2.0
DGS Marketing Engineers	Indianapolis	10	\$35,000.00	Journey Level Upgrade-Heat Treat Instrument , Journey skills upgrade
Excellon Technologies, Inc	Fort Wayne	2	\$7,718.00	Digital Workflow Certificate of Applied Learning
				Associate Degree-Computer Design Technology APICS (The Association for Operation Management) Certification in Production and Inventory

				Management (CPIM)
Hoosier Tire & Rubber Corp.	Plymouth	185	\$165,400.00	Continuous Improvement National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advanced Manufacturing Certificate
Jasper Engine Exchange, Inc.	Jasper	145	\$199,344.00	Career Development Certificate (CDC), Microsoft Office Certification, Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification
Kiwanis International	Indianapolis	26	\$90,402.00	Digital Workflow Certification
Main Street Power Mail	Sheridan	3	\$17,250.00	Associate of Applied Science in Web Management; Associate of Applied Science in Networking; Associate of Science in Applied Business Studies
Parker Hannifan Corporation	New Haven	37	\$83,255.00	Associate Degree- Business Administration, Associate Degree - Industrial Maintenance, Tool & Die Technical Certificate, Certified Maintenance Reliability Professional, A+ Certification, Cisco Certified Design Network Associate, SPHR/PHR Human Resource Certifications
R & D Wire, Inc.	LaOtto	11	\$18,074.00	Toolmaker Apprenticeship, Journeyman Skill Upgrades: (Mastercam Milling, Ingersoll Sinker A Series), Associate of Applied Science, Business Administration
Rochester Telephone Company, Inc.	Rochester	26	\$182,000.00	Management, Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Technical Certificate, Associate of Applied Science-Business Administration
Signal Learning Center, Inc.	Indianapolis	35	\$193,785.00	Human Resource Management IC3/Security5, Convergence Technologies Professional, Microsoft Windows Vista
Symmetry Medical Othy	Warsaw	25	\$113,903.00	Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) -SQL Server 2005 , Windows Developer and Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), and Project Management Professional
The Matrixx Group, Inc.	Evansville	9	\$10,223.00	Production Technician and Engineering Technician Apprenticeship and Associates of Applied Science
Weaver Popcorn	Van Buren	153	\$185,000.00	Career Development Certificate- Manufacturing Level 1, Lab Level 1, Mechanic Level 1 and Customer Service Career Development Certificate

William Electronics, LLC	Angola	5	\$5,500.00	Various Information Transport System Certification - Data Cable Installer
Workforce Development Group Inc. Signal Learning IT Training	South Bend	24	\$92,400.00	Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator, Cisco Certified Network Associate, Microsoft Certified Desktop Support technician, Microsoft Certified Technology Support Specialist (SQL Server 2005), and Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (.NET Framework 2.0)

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in February, 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. IEDC has a 12-member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.